1	2
Brazil	02
France	11
Greece	03
Germany	21
Ireland	01
Israel	09
Italy	23
Japan	02
Latvia	01
Luxemburg	01
Netherlands	13
Norway	02
Poland	01
Peru	01
Sweden	01
South Africa	01
Switzerland	05
Thailand	01
Turkey	02
Trinidad & Tobago	01
TOTAL	197

Communal violence on cartoon controversy

†1705. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal violence/riots have broken-out/are breaking-out in the country due to cartoon dispute of Prophet Mohammad;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where the aid violence/riots have taken place and the steps taken by Government to stop them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per available information barring a few sporadic incidents that occurred on 17.2.2006 in the old city of Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, no communal riots have taken place in the country on account of the Prophet Mohammad cartoon issue. However, Muslims organizations had organized demonstrations across the country to register their protest by taking out rallies, organizing meetings, staging dharnas, burning of the Danish National Flag etc.

According to the report received from the Andhra Pradesh Government, a few sporadic incidents occurred on 17.2.2006 in the old city of Hyderabad where some Muslim groups organized protest programmes during which incidents of stone-pelting on shops, Hindu temple, RTC buses, private vehicles and the houses of Hindus and retaliatory stone-pelting by Hindus at a few places were reported. In these incidents seven RTC buses, two cars, three two-wheelers, one shop, three houses and an ATM Centre were damaged and one Police Constable and three civilians sustained injuries. Police resorted to use of mild force, tear gassing, deployment of police forces, Rapid Action Force etc. and other riot prevention measures to bring the situation under control. About 287 persons were taken into preventive custody in this connection.

The Union Government has issued an advisory to all the State Governments and Union Territories to carefully monitor the situation and make adequate police arrangements to ensure that no advantage is taken by vested interests to exploit the situation or to incite the public/communities and cause communal tension, disturbances or any form of violence.

Use of Hi-Fi technique in violent activities

†1706. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have been successful of late in

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